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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville City Council welcomes two newly promoted police sgts.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular, in-person meeting of the Belleville City Council, two long-time police corporals were sworn in as sergeants and then presented with their new badges.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson presented Cpls. Kris Faull and Todd Schrecengost, who had passed their newly updated, rigorous written and oral tests for the sergeant rank.

The department has been without someone in the sergeant rank for many years and this will allow a better chain of command, Chief Robinson said. He praised the work of both officers.

Both Sgt. Faull and Sgt. Schrecengost praised the professionalism of Chief Robinson and said since he arrived he has given great leadership to their department which has been without it for some time.

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt, a retired Belleville Police officer, said that he did field training for both Faull and Schrecengost when they were new on the force and he knows how talented they are.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council members:

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley announce the proclamation they all signed honoring the Belleville High School Football State Championship was being taken off this agenda and will be presented in January, instead, after the school reopens and coaches and team members are able to attend;

- Presented awards to winners of the annual Holiday Light Contest;

- Approved a resolution recognizing the donation of a John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle XUV with V-Plow to the DPW by the Belleville Yacht Club. "It's a really nice machine, an excellent vehicle for us," said Chief Robinson, adding it will be great for plowing city parking lots. He said he was very grateful to the BYC;

- Approved a resolution donating \$400 to the BHS baseball team to buy athletic equipment in appreciation for the team's volunteer efforts in preparation for Winter Fest. Chief Robinson said team members worked an entire week for a couple of hours after school to clean up the Fourth Street Square and remove weeds before the Winter Fest;

- Approved a resolution setting the city council meeting dates for 2022, generally the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m., except for holiday weeks that move the meetings to Tuesdays;

- Discussed setting up a social media account for the city. Chief Robinson said

the city needs social media as another way to connect to the citizens, besides the website and Nixle, and Clerk Briana Hootman is good at that. "My clerk assures me she knows what she's doing," Chief Robinson said. Mayor Conley said the city needs a social media policy and Chief Robinson said he would produce one. Chris Zweng said the fire department is looking at social media as well and will work with the city under the policy;

- Approved \$105,444.71 in accounts payable and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Core and Main, \$1,116.96 for parts for water main repair from DPW budget; and to Stryker Medical, \$22,165.36 for purchase of a Lucas Device and Maintenance Plan from the fire department budget. This device is a chest-compression system. Fire Chief said his department had one on loan from Stryker and they used it once and saved a life;

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Voigt say he wanted to give credit to Cindy Lundsford who donated the football banner on Main Street and Chris Donley and Councilman Steve Jones who put it up;

- Heard Mayor Conley announce that city hall will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 3. She sent her wishes to the Foley family members who are mourning the death of Mike Foley who owned Frosty Boy on Main Street for many years. Conley said she remembered working with him on the streetscape, noting, "He certainly will be missed." She went on to thank all the people who make the city what it is, including the *Independent* that keeps the people informed on city activities;

- Heard Jeremiah Beebe announce that his church, Bethany Bible Church, is trying to get its youth basketball program back on track after a pause last year because of COVID. It was put on in the summer, but that didn't work well. He said registration is under way now for those in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Beebe also praised the Robotics Club program at McBride Middle School, noting the club recently placed in the top 25 in the state, 17th out of 25; and

- After considering the follow-up list, heard Mayor Conley request the conditions of the roads in the cemetery be put on the list. She suggests the council consider how to move forward on this since there is no money in the cemetery fund for it. Councilman Steve Jones suggested they look at the shoreline at the cemetery, as well, since there is some erosion. He said the city doesn't want to wait until it's too late.



At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson explains the rigorous procedure he laid out to make sure the two corporals were qualified to be sergeants. He rewrote the written part of the test and made it difficult. Police Cpls. Todd Schrecengost, center, and Kris Faull, at right, agreed the test was difficult. Chief Robinson said he had three law enforcement officers from surrounding communities preside at the oral exams, using his difficult written questions. He said Schrecengost and Faull both passed the tests and qualified to become sergeants.



New Belleville Police Sergeant Kris Faull is handed her new sergeant's badge by her father, Doug Faull, after he watched her being sworn in at the Belleville City Council meeting on Dec. 20. It was too difficult to pin it on the gear she was wearing, so he just gave it to her.



Deanna Schrecengost pins the new sergeant's badge onto her husband's shirt after he was sworn into his new rank at the Dec. 20 meeting of the Belleville City Council. Todd Schrecengost, a former corporal, helps her place the badge on his chest.

Sumpter Board names Trustee Tim Rush deputy supervisor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its Dec. 14 zoom meeting, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees appointed Trustee Tim Rush as deputy supervisor to serve until the end of May at an annual

salary of \$8,804.

This was on a 6-1 vote with Trustee Peggy Morgan voting no. Trustee Rush recused himself from the vote, although Clerk Esther Hurst said it was perfectly

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Merry Christmas to tri-community families, readers

This has been a difficult year for everyone with the coronavirus, vaccinations and masks, civil unrest, school shootings and threats and inflation. We are at Christmas now and people are buzzing around getting things done, stepping back from the regular routines and taking time to be with family.

All three municipal governments in the communities of the City of Belleville and Sumpter and Van Buren townships have closed up shop between the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day. It's a welcome rest for everyone.

People have filled six big Toys for Tots boxes outside our offices with generous gifts for children in need. After the pickup last Thursday, the toys kept coming so we sent them over to the St. Vincent de Paul program at St. Anthony Catholic Church on W. Columbia Avenue. The stories of their work is heart-warming, along with the stories of everyone in the community reaching out to help one another.

Romulus Mayor Pro Tem Virginia Williams decided to pass out free turkeys in Romulus and got a lot of help from the businesses she contacted. The Christmas spirit is catchy – even more catchy than the most recent COVID variant.

We must not forget the source of all this goodwill and what we are celebrating. A baby was born in a manger and throughout the years His spirit has fed our souls. Merry Christmas to all.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At the Dec. 15 meeting of the city of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, City Police Chief Dave Robinson said that a team had been stealing from party stores and gas stations at night throughout the Southeastern Michigan area and earlier that morning the team was in Belleville. He said Belleville Police officers noticed their presence at a business and chased them, but they got on the freeway and got away.

Chief Robinson said police are alerting businesses to keep lights on in their parking areas at night and not to keep large amounts of cash inside.

A business owner told of a suspicious-looking person that came into her hair salon recently and asked for a cup of coffee. They gave him coffee, but she was very uneasy. Chief Robinson said not to hesitate to call the police if something seems suspicious. An officer will come out and check on things. He said he would rather have something check out as not a problem, than not to be called and it be a problem.

My brother Tony Kuchta sent me a photocopy of a page from the 1947 Belleville High School yearbook. Under a picture of the 43 members of the yearbook staff and their names, including Tony, was this message:

"For the first time since 1930 Belleville High School has a yearbook. As a result of many hours of hard labor and persistent efforts of the staff to get treasured snapshots, compose volumes of copy, and find the ever-lost dummy; we at last bring you the yearbook of 1947."

My brother added a note to me at the bottom: "Now we know why you couldn't



find any before 1947." There were none between 1930 and 1947.

As I recall, Tony asked me to find a yearbook from 1945 for a person he met who said that was his late wife's graduation year. We couldn't find that yearbook, although people at the school administration building, high school, and museum tried to help me. Our mystery now is solved.

We've had several reports of all the leases being up in January for businesses at the shopping center where the Kmart used to be. I asked Dan Power about it. He's planning and economic development director for Van Buren Township. He told me he had no applications for development at the site and he has also heard about the expiring leases.

The Augusta Township Planning Commission was scheduled to take votes on two big projects at its Dec. 15 meeting, but the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. One decision pending was the final site plan for a 9,100-square-foot Dollar General store on 5.23 acres along Willis Road, west of McKean Road and immediately east of the Norfolk Southern / Wabash railroad. This project had several people speaking out against it at the November meeting.

The other was Railsplitter #2, a large-scale solar energy system planned for 493 acres on 13 properties north of Arkona,

east of Sanford, south of Talladay and west of Hitchingham. This project was seeking special land use and preliminary site plan approval. The township planning consultants have prepared two resolutions for the commission, one approving and one denying, with good arguments on each side. The next scheduled meeting is in January. Augusta Township is in Washtenaw County, just west of Sumpter Township.

I had some questions about incidents on this week's dispatch log for Belleville Police. Chief Robinson explained. The two threats reported, one on Owen St. and one on W. Columbia Ave., turned out to be "inappropriate comments" rather than threats and are being dealt with by the schools. The two narcotics crimes listed, both on W. Columbia Ave. on Dec. 13 and 15, were related to possession of marijuana and juvenile citations were issued as well as school disciplinary actions taken. The shooting reported on Light Tower Ct. at 9:59 a.m. on Dec. 15 was called in from a neighborhood resident. Officers responded and conducted an investigation and found the complaint to be unfounded. These were all separate incidents and not related, he said.



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Letters

A Christmas Gift

To the editor:

On the morning of Dec. 17, I was shopping at the Belleville Meijer store and in the check-out line. My cart was full of Hunt's spaghetti sauce, boxes of muffin mix, mac and cheese, cases of corn and green beans, Chef Boyardee items, and containers of oatmeal.

There were three people ahead of me. A gentleman that was two ahead of me paid, moved away, but didn't leave the area. He kept looking at me and my cart and I wondered why. The customer in front of me finished and I placed my items on the belt and the stranger who was still watching asked me what I was doing with all that food.

I told him I was shopping for the Emergency Food Closet located at the Belleville First United Methodist Church. He then spoke and said, "I want to pay for your order!" I was stunned for this had never happened before.

I protested knowing that this was a big bill -- \$223.51! He again said, "I want to pay!" and he did. This Christmas Angel is Steve, a resident in Belleville. I thanked him and he left.

When I reached my car, a truck pulled in across from me and it was Steve. He came to help load the items in my car. This must have been the day for angels for the man in the car next to me got out and helped load, too. What a blessing are the people in this community! Thank you!

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet, Belleville

Thanks to all who donated to feed others

To the editor:

Since Jan. 1 through Dec. 18, the Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. has served 136 families in Van Buren and Sumpter Townships and the city of Belleville with food and personal care items. **1,701** bags of food have been distributed to date. The Emergency Food Closet is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As 2021 comes to a close, I would like to thank the residents, businesses, and

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And you shall call His name
JESUS
for He will save the people
from their sins.**

Matthew 1:21

churches who have donated food, personal care items, and financial support to the Emergency Food Closet to help feed and care for the hungry in our community. Your continued support is a blessing!

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet, Belleville

Kiwanis Club postpones Murder Mystery dinner

To the editor:

After much thought as we witness COVID numbers increasing, the Belleville Area Kiwanis Club and Sherwood Productions have decided to postpone the Murder Mystery dinner show until Spring, 2022 that was scheduled for December 28 at the Eagles' Hall. It was a difficult decision, however, we need to keep the health and welfare of our community, the actors and production crew, and our members in mind.

We are in contact with the Eagles' membership and we will be setting a new date in the spring. All ticket money has been refunded. We will let you know as soon as definite plans are made. As we had planned, all profits will be donated to the Friday Fill-Up at the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Thank you for your continued support for our Kiwanis Club.

Karen Mida
Tricia Evanski

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To the editor:

This holiday season, Waste Management will be making a \$500 contribution to Forgotten Harvest to support the assistance they provide to the valued community members in need living in Van Buren Township. WM is committed to supporting our communities as they continue to navigate the on-going effects of the pandemic.

From all of us at WM.

Kathleen Klein
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Obituaries



Sean Arthur
McDonough

SEAN ARTHUR McDONOUGH

(September 18, 1958 – December 8, 2021)

Sean Arthur McDonough, age 63, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at his home. He was born September 18, 1958, in Waldorf, Minnesota, son of Mark Arthur & Darlene Ann (Munsch) McDonough. Sean graduated from Waldorf-Pemberton High School, class of 1976, where he played football. He later attended University of Minnesota. He enjoyed cooking and golf. He was a football fan, and a huge baseball fan. He enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, Minnesota Twins and Vikings, too. He loved movies, especially old ones. Sean loved tinkering and fixing things. His passion was his ancestry. He had traced his family tree back to the 1800s. Mr. McDonough is survived by his son James (Erin) McDonough of Waterford, MI; former spouse Julie Stepanski; a grandson Benjamin McDonough; twin siblings Shanna (Larry) Lang of Waconia, Minnesota and Shane McDonough of Waldorf, Minnesota; his dog Munch; also several nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A gathering was held 4-8 PM Friday, December 17, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Memorial contributions may be made to Halliday's Pet Resort and Day Care and would be appreciated.

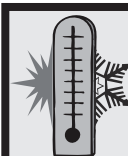
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Amos Johnson, Jr.

AMOS JOHNSON, JR.

(July 1, 1953 – December 14, 2021)

Amos Johnson, Jr., known to his friends and family as A.J., age 68, lifelong Belleville area resident, passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, after a long illness. He was born July 1, 1953, in Detroit, MI, son of Amos Johnson, Sr. and Rushie Marie (Bishop) Johnson. AJ graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1971. He managed his dad's car lot G & A, for 46 years, before he retired. He was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934, where he was the Governor 2009-2010. He was also a Blue Lodge Member of the Masonic Temple, the President of the Lion's club a few times, and he enjoyed being a member of the Ypsilanti Area Street Rod and Street Racers United, Belleville, clubs as well. He was a friendly man who loved to make people laugh. AJ will be missed by all who knew him.

AJ is survived by his wife Pamela Kay (King) Johnson of Van Buren Township, MI; three stepdaughters: April (Chris) Clarke of Jacksonville, Illinois, Tia (Jerry Turner) Slater of Milford, MI, and Teri (Joe) Kohut of Hamtramck, MI; a sister Debbie (Danny) Williams of Belleville, MI; one nephew Stephen (Heather) Williams of Belleville, MI; three nieces Danielle (Todd) Anderson of Livonia, MI, Kim (Jonathan) Schmoll of Plymouth, MI and Robin (Charles) Skora of Canton, MI; also numerous extended family, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother Franklin Stout.

To honor his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A Celebration of Life Bonfire will be held on his birthday, July 1, 2022, at his sister Debbie's home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA, any Humane Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or Wounded Warriors, and would be appreciated.

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Michael Patrick Foley

MICHAEL PATRICK FOLEY

(April 24, 1955 – December 16, 2021)

Michael Patrick Foley, age 66, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Thursday, December 16, 2021, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born April 24, 1955, in Garden City, MI, son of Donald and Patricia (McVicar) Foley. He graduated from Garden City High School, class of 1973. Mike owned Frosty Boy in Belleville for over 35 years and loved every day of it. He loved it because of the happy families that visited every day, the employees he watched grow up under his mentorship, and the town he deeply loved. In his early years you could find Mike in a DDA (Downtown Development Authority) meeting, delivering Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors, sponsoring countless little league teams, supporting Cougar Football, and especially bowling at Lodge Lanes. He loved every bit of the city of Belleville and all that it offered, and the people in it. Mike passionately loved playing poker and enjoyed traveling around the country playing competitively. He was highly successful at it, including his crowning achievement his World Series of Poker Ring! Mike had love in his heart for many people and many things but he loved nothing and no one more than his family and Christmas. At any point throughout the year he could be found with an active countdown to Christmas and he would be the first to tell you about how much he enjoyed spending time with his entire family and spoiling his grandkids.

Mike is survived by son Michael Foley of Belleville, MI; daughter Melissa (Michael) Nibert of Taylor, MI; 4 grandchildren: Linda & Leah Nibert, and Rose & Jaclyn Young; 6 siblings: Daniel (Cora) Foley of Garden City, MI, Kathy Straight, James (Alicia) Foley, Colleen (John) Holmes and Dennis Foley, all of Belleville, MI, and John Foley of Jackson, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and many cherished "kids" he provided a first job to and mentored. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley Ann Foley on August 8, 1997, brother Donald Foley, also a brother-in-law, Jeff Straight.

Visitation was from 11 AM until 7 PM Monday and 10 AM until noon Tuesday, December 21, 2021, with a noon funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Robert J. White officiated. Interment was in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township, MI.

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CHESTER PAUL JAGGERS, JR.

(October 19, 1965 – December 18, 2021)

Age 56, of Ypsilanti. Survived by wife Edith; four daughters Sherri, Ashley, Amanda, Leah; six grandchildren; mother; three sisters. Funeral is 5 p.m. Dec. 29 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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B/VB Goodfellows serve families, 131 kids

To the editor:

On Saturday, Dec. 18, the Belleville / Van Buren Goodfellows had the pleasure of distributing boxes of food, half hams, gift cards, gloves, hats, winter coats and plenty of very special Christmas toys to 57 families with a total of 131 children.

Again this year, due to increasing COVID concerns and to minimize person-to-person contact, we carried out a "drive-up" distribution. All items were brought out to the registered families and loaded while they waited in their vehicles.

We want to thank all of the families and greatly appreciate their patience and understanding in our endeavor to keep everyone safe.

The Goodfellows would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all of the local area businesses, organizations, and community residents for their very generous donations. Also, to Van Buren Township for the use of their old fire station #2 for our distribution site.

A special shout out and THANK YOU! to Keystone Academy, for once again conducting an extremely generous and successful food drive for our families. **Without all of you this entire program would not be possible!**

A JOB WELL DONE goes out to all of the volunteers who stepped up and eagerly

and cheerfully donated their time and labor picking up and sorting food, pre-bagging toys, and working on a wet and chilly distribution day.

All of this dedicated teamwork and generous donations allowed this year's program to run successfully and once again helped to fulfill the Goodfellows' promise of "No Child Without a Christmas."

The Goodfellows wish everyone a very

Merry Christmas and the happiest and safest holiday season and once again give a very special THANK YOU to the entire community for your continuing support.

Pam Fleming, Coordinator
Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Jan. 3 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 11 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

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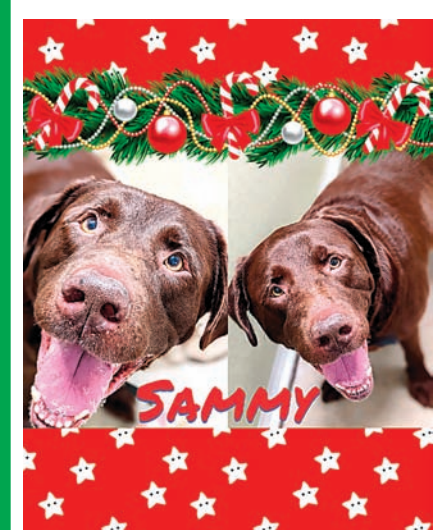
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ORPHAN OF THE WEEK SAMMY



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What's a **Sammy** you ask, well I'm a happy, hungry and loveable 6yr/11m old lab mix. I'm a bit hefty right now weighing in at a whopping 114lbs! I heard talk of only getting frozen green beans for treats, yuck! Truthfully, I am a bit stiff and sore in my legs and have to admit getting some weight off would be great. They have me on an arthritis supplement that along with some exercise and a healthy diet should help a lot. Although, I sure don't let anything stop me from giving visitors my full happy welcome. Did I mention I love people!! I may need a little refresher on basic training and house manners just because I get so excited. I'll do best in a home with older children and even another dog would probably be fun. I would love to be home for Christmas so visit friendsofmichigan.org to fill out an application to meet me. I'm already neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

District Library Board approves 6% raises for all staff members

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board at its regular meeting Dec. 14 approved a 6% raise in pay for Library Director Mary Jo Suchy – as well as for all of her staff.

This action followed the annual board evaluation of Director Suchy by unsigned forms where she received “above-average” or

“outstanding” scores in all categories.

“She went above and beyond what is expected,” said Linda Priest, chairperson of the Personnel subcommittee in reporting on the tabulation of the scores.

Priest said the subcommittee recognized the cost of living is 5.9% and so it recommended a 6% across-the-board raise for Suchy and the whole staff.

As part of their work, the subcommittee used the Detroit Suburban Librarians Roundtable 2020 statistics compilation report on salaries.

Suchy's annual wage went from \$86,000 to \$91,160 with the raise.

“We have to remind Mary Jo that she can't give her raise to the staff since they already are getting a raise,” said board member John Juriga, jokingly referring to the year Suchy shared her raise with the staff.

The board applauded Suchy and board chairman said that the board had applauded her before, but this time board members are backing it up with cash.

Suchy said her staff makes her job a pleasure and, “They are with me all the way.”

Juriga pointed out it will make it easier to hire people with the new wages.

Priest reported Suchy's goals for the coming year include working on the millage renewal and revising the website.

In other business at the hour-long meeting, the board:

- Approved updates to the circulation policy including a \$120 charge for a non-resident who wishes to check out materials whose hometown library does not have a reciprocity agreement with the Belleville library. Most local libraries have such an agreement, with the exception of

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Ann Arbor;

• Heard a report on the Marketing subcommittee meeting where they mostly talked about the donor party which is coming up on March 11, before the grand opening in April. Chairperson Alma Hughes-Grubbs could not be present for the board meeting and so vice chairperson Mary Jo Dawson reported briefly on some of the plans being made, noting she will be looking into the price and what is involved in serving alcohol. “We had hoped we’d take off our masks and smile,” said chairperson Sharon Peters, referring to the two events planned for spring. She said they had a couple more months to see if the COVID restraints will continue;

• Heard Joy Cichewicz report on the Building subcommittee meeting where they paid bills and noted only four contractors are left. She said the air quality equipment installation is complete and it is doing bipolar ionization. Besides other details, Cichewicz reported it has been found that the top-of-the-line dishwasher is not a lemon but is sensitive to what’s coming in through its water lines. She said there is a blue-green, gritty paste in the hot water line. It is not coming from the cold water and more is to be done to discover the source. She said Bosch is the best you can buy. Director Suchy suggested it was like the “Princess and the Pea”

story;

• Heard John Juriga report that on the Saturday that was so windy, he said he wouldn’t use the library elevator in case the power went out and he could get stranded inside. He said it was explained that when the power goes out, this elevator automatically goes down to the first floor and opens its doors;

• Heard Priest ask about the item in the accounts payable list that was “Fish Window Cleaning” for \$3,104. She asked if that was about cleaning the Belleville Bass sculpture that has been placed in front of the library. Suchy told her that was for all the window cleaning that was done and has nothing to do with the Fish. Suchy reported window washing has been completed, including the interior glass partitions in the offices, study rooms, etc. They will be washed twice a year;

• Heard Suchy report that Santa has been at the library quite a bit lately, including at Winter Fest and with the free pictures with Santa offered by the Central Business Community. When asked if she told Santa what she wanted, Suchy said, “I already got what I wanted,” referring to the new library. Suchy said friends and staff helped the library unit march in the Winter Fest parade “with our not-so-precise precision book truck brigade” and passed out candy and bookmarks;

• Heard Suchy report new staff members are Lori Najduk as part-time circulation clerk,

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On December 29th, 2021, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2014	BMW	4D	WBA8E5G55HNU22621	21-11217
2003	FORD	SW	1FMZU73K13ZA81183	21-11535
2009	GMC	4D	1GKER13D79J156533	21-11976

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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2011	FREIGHTLINER	TR	1FUJGEDR6BSAZ2790	21-11934
2001	SUZUKI	CY	JS1GW71A612105199	18-12147
2006	PONTIAC	SW	2CKDL73F566177847	21-12284D
2007	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WP552571175067	21-12284B
2018	CHEVROLET	SW	3GNAXJEVXJS627865	21-12297B
2004	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WS522741288940	20-16696
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2010	BUICK	4D	1G4HC5EM9AU128326	21-7700

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
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There's still time to get your Christmas tree

or that traditional Poinsettia at Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road. They still have a good selection of trees and plants and there's still time to pick up a grave blanket, cemetery cone, or wreath for a loved one and even have one custom-made. They're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but closed on Christmas Day and every Sunday. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-1765.

Be sure to check out the winners of the City of Belleville's Decorating Contest with pictures and addresses on today's front page. There's a handful of first-time winners to go with a few that just keep on winning, like the Adkins family on Waterbury Ct. in Victoria Commons. I think they own and display every holiday Disney blow-up ever made. Then there's a new winner on S. Biggs Street, where Christmas Vacation is the theme in standups and blowups with lots of lights, just like in the movie with Chevy Chase. The homeowner said his son, (home for Christmas from Texas) does the decorating every year and wanted to be in the photo when he was told he won. The Morin

Family on Carmel Street in the manufactured home community category added another award to their wall, or should I say may be adding more wall for their plaques. The manger is always the focal point here, front and center, like it should be. The business category winner features Belleville Bariatrics on Main Street, all dressed up as a Gingerbread house. I'm glad this newspaper still co-sponsors this event. It's become our tradition. Congratulations to the winners and special thanks to all of you that dropped donations for Toys for Tots here at our office. Our hallway fills up every year like magic. Merry Christmas!

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Daniel Amakeme as shelving page, and Rachel Davies as part-time adult services librarian. Circulation clerk Keisha Murphy has moved on to a full-time job. Noelle Douglas was promoted to library assistant and extra hours have been given to clerk Amy O'Brien who is acting as the library's liaison with the teens during after-school hours. Teens have discovered the library and the second floor is filled every afternoon;

- Heard Cichewicz discuss Suchy's proposal to have a seed saving and swapping program at the library. The program is called One Seed, One State and is organized by the Michigan Seed Library Network. Cichewicz said the library in Ypsilanti that she directs has such a program and it has lots of possibilities. Patrons check out seeds in the spring and then after the plants mature and are harvested the mature seeds are returned to the library to restart the program. Cichewicz suggested a gardener on staff should be in charge because some seeds aren't appropriate to use. The growth of seed libraries is due to increasing recognition of seed saving as a way to combat the loss of crop diversity from commercialization, according to an article on the program that was included in the board packet;

- Heard Cichewicz thank the Personnel committee for the recommendation to raise the pay for the staff. She said you have to have a master's degree to be a librarian and the pay is low; and

- Heard Mary Jane Dawson said members of the BYC were to deliver Christmas packages to 16 families the next day, covering 51 children. She said she decorated 51 stockings as the delivery was being prepared.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township of Van Buren will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 during its regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be conducted in person at the Van Buren Township Hall Board Room, located at 46425 Tyler Road, unless a remote meeting format is enabled by State law in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If the meeting is changed to a remote format, advance notice will be provided along with instructions regarding how to join the remote meeting. **The Public Hearing is to seek input on the Charter Township of Van Buren's Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.**

Copies of the draft of the 2022-2026 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan may be found at the Community Services Office at Township Hall (46425 Tyler Road) during normal business hours. The draft Plan may also be accessed online at <https://www.vanburen-mi.org/>

Van Buren residents are asked to submit comments in writing via email to erenaud@vanburen-mi.org or via mail to Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111. The required 30-day public review and comment period will end on January 11, 2022.

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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THE CARA TAYLOR SHOW

Sunday, Jan. 9th: 6pm-9pm

KARAOKE NIGHT

Friday, Jan. 14th: 8pm-11pm

COMEDY NIGHT

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- Approved the police department's three-year agreement with Power DMS to use the document management to help gain accredited status through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC). Total cost of the agreement is \$13,321.55. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said the
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CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, December 6, 2021 - 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Changing of the Guard – City Council

-- Plaque presented to Council Member Fielder by Mayor Conley for his years of service on City Council.

-- Plaque presented to Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte by Mayor Conley for his years of service on City Council.

-- Oath of Office administered to incoming Council Members Steve Jones and Amy Henry by Judge Brian Oakley.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present

B. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

MOTION: Motion by Bates to elect Council Member Voigt as Mayor Pro-Tem.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

C. Proclamation – Belleville High School Football Championship

Rescheduled for a future meeting in which the BHS Football coaches can be in attendance.

D. DDA Streetscape Fund Bond Refinancing

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to proceed with the proposal as outlined.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

E. Council Follow Up List

-- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt:

Would like to see repair of the split rail fence at Victory Park.

Would like to see an ordinance created for street

cutting when utility repairs need to be completed.

-- Council Member Bates:

Would like to see improvements of all city parks added to the follow up list.

Would like to see language in the snow removal policy consistent with the snow removal ordinance # 14-002.

-- Council Member Jones:

Would like to see woodchips replenished in Victory Park.

F. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Pastor Nathaniel Oregon from the Belleville Seventh Day Adventist Church announced that he will be moving to the Alma/Ithaca, MI area and stated that he is sad to leave Belleville.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to accept the agenda as presented, with the addition of an action item to remove the Stormwater Management Public Hearing, originally scheduled for December 20, 2021, and move it to a future date to be determined.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 15, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, November 15, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Closure of City Hall – Week of Christmas Day/ New Year's Day

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the closure of City Hall from December 24 – December 31.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt stated that he was one of the payees receiving funds for reimbursement of the Veterans Banners that were placed in the city.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-088** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sumpter Twp.

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police department started the two-year, exhaustive accreditation process back in the spring;

• Approved the contract with Michelle Cole for finance and accounting-related services as the rate of \$95 per service hour effective Dec. 1 through Feb. 28 on a vote of 5-2, with Trustee Don LaPorte and Clerk Hurst voting no. They voiced concerns about not getting from her a list of the projects under way and contact people, as they had asked for. "She left us in the field," said Trustee LaPorte. "We need to understand what's going on with these projects. If she can't provide this tomorrow, we don't need her services ...

We go it alone." Clerk Hurst said when she didn't get the list immediately after the resignation, she went around Cole and got the contracts. "We can move forward without her," Trustee LaPorte said;

• Approved as part of the \$130,057.84 accounts payable motion the additional payout for Michelle Cole of \$16,720.30 for the vacation and personal time she had coming at the time of her resignation. This was figured at \$45.19 per hour;

• Approved the purchase of the Bio Air System for odor remediation at Sumpter and Willis roads for a total cost not to exceed \$98,552.73, as recommended by DPW Director John Danci;and

• Approved the purchase of water meters and reader boxes from Ferguson Waterworks for a total of \$9,376.48.

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Mayor Pro Tem Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson thanked Council Member Fielder and Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte for hiring him, and stated that he often relied on their knowledge, which was much appreciated.

• Reminded everyone about the Planning Commission meeting December 9th at 7 p.m.

• Stated that the city is close to reaching an agreement with the police bargaining unit.

• Noted that two Belleville Police Corporals will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant at the December 20th Council Meeting.

• Stated that he will be meeting with Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous regarding a grant application for renovations at Victory Station.

• Has been in contact with Wayne County regarding the demolition of the building attached to City Hall and has been told that the process is pending pursuant to the contractor's schedules.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Expects approximately \$700 to be raised from the veterans' banners.

-- Will miss Pastor Oregon and appreciates his work within the community.

-- Excited to work with new Council Members Jones and Henry.

-- Congratulated Belleville High School and the University of Michigan football teams on their recent wins.

-- Stated that the Holiday Light Contest will be held on December 13th from 6 to 7 p.m.

-- Reminded everyone that the Belleville Police Department has free gun locks available and encouraged everyone to pick some up.

• Council Member Jones

-- Looks forward to serving on City Council.

-- Has enjoyed working with Pastor Oregon over the years.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Thanked Fielder and Marcotte for their years of service.

-- Welcomed incoming Council Members Henry and Jones.

-- Will miss Pastor Oregon, and wished him well.

-- Congratulated the Belleville High School football team on their championship win.

-- Pleased to see two Sergeants coming to the Police Department.

• Council Member Henry

-- Looking forward to serving on City Council.

-- Believes the City is headed in a good direction.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Stated that she will miss Fielder and Marcotte.

• Looking forward to bringing back the BHS Football coaches to present them with the proclamation.

• Stated that the energy was great at Winter Fest, and

although the Jingle Bell 5K run had lower attendance, the shirt design was great.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Jeremiah Beebe

-- Thought the Ladies' Night event on last Thursday was very well attended.

-- Thought the parade turnout was great.

• Chris Zweng

-- Wanted to acknowledge Fire Fighters Beaumont, Reed, Wyputa, and Kessler for their assistance in providing lighting for the Angel of Hope Ceremony at Hillside Cemetery.

• Kelly Bates

-- Appreciated listening to Council Member Fielder and Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte prior to her election to City Council.

• Nathaniel Oregon

-- Has enjoyed working with Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte and Council Member Fielder over the years.

• Rick Rutherford

-- Stated that there is a hazardous waste drop-off at 13040 Merriman Rd. in Livonia, now through December 31, 2021, with vouchers available at City Hall.

• Tom Fielder

-- Recalled running against Kelly Bates for a City Council seat and had told her to hang in there after beating her in the race. He's glad she did.

-- Noted it has been a pleasure working with Pastor Oregon.

-- Thanked Mayor Conley for everything she has done over the years, as she has enriched the community.

• Jesse Marcotte

-- Stated he is thankful to have served on both the Planning Commission and City Council.

-- Believes Alma will be thankful to have Pastor Oregon in their community.

-- Believes the City Council is fortunate to have Steve Jones and Amy Henry as incoming members.

• Kerreen Conley

-- Noted that her heart goes out to the community of Oxford, MI following the recent school shooting.

-- Praised the Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren Township public safety members for taking the issue of school shootings and threats seriously.

-- Praised the Van Buren Township Public Schools Superintendent and the Belleville High School Principal for communicating with the community, and thinks they are doing a great job.

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• Re-scheduling of the Stormwater Management Public Hearing that was initially slated to be held on December 20, 2021, pending a response from the State.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Approved: December 20, 2021

Published: December 23, 2021

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 277 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Dec. 12:

0209 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0353 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0422 – noise complaint, Cambridge Ct.
0443 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0817 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0814 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0831 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0946 – threat, Hannan Rd.
1015 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1019 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1034 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chaney Ave.
1102 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1232 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1300 – welfare check, Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd.
1445 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1710 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1714 – assist other dept., Dewitt Rd.
1719 – noise complaint, Filmore St.
1843 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd./ S. I-94 Service Dr.
1945 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2007 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
2220 – road hazard, bypass/Ecorse Rd.
2230 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2251 – suicidal person, Rolan Meadows Dr.

Monday, Dec. 13:

0118 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.
0707 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0729 – parking complaint, Country Walk
0846 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0958 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1030 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1042 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1113 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1157 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1517 – property damage accident, Beck Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1527 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1640 – breaking & entering, Robbe Rd.
1709 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1716 – weapons violation, Belleville Rd./Ecorse
1744 – domestic, Van Buren St.
1934 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd.
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2219 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2235 – juvenile complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2256 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Dec. 14:

0532 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0843 – 911 welfare check, Morton Taylor Rd.
0951 – assault & battery, Richard Run Dr.
0959 – family trouble, Sheldon Ave.
1050 – felony assault, Michigan Ave./Rawsonville
1150 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1425 – PPO violation, Denton Rd.
1432 – misc. complaint, McBride
1551 – fraud, Arlene Ln.
1606 – welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1617 – welfare check, Lake Crest Dr.
1633 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1756 – noise complaint, Endicott St.
1849 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1956 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
2036 – mental subject, Quirk Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 15:

0145 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0214 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0633 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave./Denton
0828 – mental subject, Robbe Rd.
1017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1054 – ordinance violation, Amanda Dr.
1142 – ordinance violation, Amanda Dr.
1230 – larceny from auto, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1251 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1310 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1346 – fraud, Wildflower Ct.

1401 – assist other dept., Bell Cove Ct./Harbour Pointe
1426 – property check, W. Huron River Dr.
1518 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1518 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1748 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hampton Dr.
1910 – retail fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1936 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1954 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
2044 – assist other dept., Cogswell
2044 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 16:

0327 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
0354 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
0935 – welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
0950 – misc. complaint, Wildrye Ct.
1050 – ordinance violation, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1256 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1349 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1403 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1546 – family trouble, Senate St.
1618 – property damage accident, Country Walk Ct.
1632 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1730 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1836 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
1941 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2123 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
2227 – welfare check, Beckley Rd.
2304 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2342 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Friday, Dec. 17:

0455 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
0622 – malicious destruction of property, Anna Dr.
0705 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0750 – threat, McBride
0803 – fraud, Elwell Rd.
0959 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.
1006 – ordinance violation, Barnwell Dr.
1007 – ordinance violation, Laguna Dr.
1034 – fraud, Celestine Dr.
1043 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.
1216 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1339 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1410 – ordinance violation, Chatsworth Dr.
1425 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
1427 – trespassing, Country Ln.
1432 – parking complaint, Endicott St.
1454 – assist other dept., Quirk Rd./Belleville Rd.
1524 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1548 – property damage accident, Belleville
1553 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
1626 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1640 – larceny, Bayshore Dr.
1657 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1819 – 911 welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1834 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1904 – property check, Stonebridge Dr.
1951 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2202 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2348 – assist other dept., Bentley Dr.
2349 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville

Saturday, Dec. 18:

0011 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0103 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0140 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
0229 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0533 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0756 – domestic, Richard Run Dr.
0822 – harassment call, Richard Run Dr.
0831 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1005 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1059 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Lake Villa
1201 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Willow Way

1300 – prisoner transport, Tyler Rd.
1335 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1434 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1717 – parking complaint, Winding Pond Dr.
1800 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1905 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2038 – animal complaint, Greenbriar Ct.
2059 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
2136 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2218 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service
2253 – welfare check, W. Adams

2322 – mental subject, Rose Blvd.
Also on this week’s log are 64 traffic stops, three of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 12:

0045 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0525 – warrant arrest, Telegraph Rd.
1002 – personal injury accident, Main St.
1909 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1925 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia/S. Liberty
1922 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2226 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, Dec. 13:

0510 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0743 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
0805 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
0818 – traffic stop, N. Edgemont Ave./E. Huron River Dr.
0839 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
0840 – threat, Owen St.
0841 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
0857 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
0939 – traffic stop, Main St.
0949 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1040 – traffic stop, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.
1050 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave./Church
1102 – traffic stop, South St.
1122 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1132 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
1143 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1147 – traffic stop, High St.
1314 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1425 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1452 – traffic stop, Main St.
1505 – traffic offense, Belleville/Sunrise
1603 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1607 – disorderly, South St.
1700 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1729 – traffic offense, Main St./First St.
1741 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
1753 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1805 – traffic stop, Main St.
1811 – suicidal person/E. Wabash Ave./South St.
1856 – 911 welfare check, Henry St.
2253 – domestic, Menlo Park Dr.

Tuesday, Dec. 14:

0027 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0047 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0503 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0851 – personal injury accident, Second/Main
0853 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
0958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
1024 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1517 – misc. complaint, McBride
1616 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1624 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1710 – suspicious person/vehicle, Santa Clara St.
1822 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1847 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1947 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
2250 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 15:

0028 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.
0108 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.
0509 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0933 – civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0959 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1353 – shooting, Light Tower Ct.
1527 – assist fire dept., S. Biggs Ave.
1538 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1934 – threat, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1945 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2339 – property check, Main St.
2354 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.

Thursday, Dec. 16:

0113 – property check, Main St.
0119 – property check, South St.
0235 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
0446 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
0501 – assist citizen, South St.
0827 – civil matter, S. Biggs Ave.
0848 – malicious destruction, W. Columbia Ave.
1122 – issue gun permit, Main St.
1636 – 911 welfare check, Bedell St.
1745 – assist fire dept., Oxford Ct.
1921 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2321 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.

Friday, Dec. 17:

0009 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence
0928 – property damage accident, S. Liberty St.
1117 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
1130 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1357 – harassment call, Main St.
1401 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
2029 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
2048 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
2109 – assist other dept., San Carlos St.
2202 – traffic stop, High St.
2225 – traffic stop, High St./Roys St.
2246 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell St.

Saturday, Dec. 18:

0000 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
0002 – traffic stop, Main St.
0006 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
0036 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park
0323 – suspicious person/vehicle, Charles St.
0344 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
1000 – parking complaint, Belle Villa trailer park overflow lot
1145 – traffic stop, Henry St./South St.
1203 – harassment call, Menlo Park Dr.
1344 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1413 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1554 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1617 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1643 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1746 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1810 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
1846 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
2021 – family trouble, E. Huron River Dr.
2347 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
There were 48 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 12:

0058 – property damage accident, Edgewood Dr.
1453 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1456 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1549 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1644 – property damage accident, Wayside Dr.
1706 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1720 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1727 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1852 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1947 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
2006 – property damage accident, Wear Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
2055 – suspicious vehicle, Haggerty Rd./Wear Rd.
2315 – assist other agency, 26000 bl. Redwood St.

Monday, Dec. 13:

0644 – traffic complaint/vehicle off roadway, Sherwood Rd. / Willis Rd.
1340 – welfare check, Vermont St.
1700 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Wilmot St.
1817 – found property, Lohr/Davenport Dr.
1821 – suspicious circumstance, 4200 bl. Willow
1842 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2121 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 14:

0050 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1039 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1128 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1139 – 911 hang up, Rawsonville/Willis
1211 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
1626 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
1758 – alarm, Rustic Ln.
2030 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 15:

0043 – assault, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
0927 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0943 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis
1223 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1445 – welfare check, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1501 – juvenile, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1728 – hunting complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1731 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1955 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
2043 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter
2108 – traffic complaint, Willis Rd./Elwell Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 16:

0252 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
0453 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bontekoe Rd.
0958 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1308 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis
1319 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
1347 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1349 – alarm, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1503 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1738 – suspicious circumstance, Alaska St.
1759 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2333 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Friday, Dec. 17:

0147 – suspicious circumstance, Second St.
0358 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
0652 – welfare check, Redwood St.
0723 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.
1110 – suspicious circumstance, Redwood St.
1358 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD
1414 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Haggerty
1555 – mental health call, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1729 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1910 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1929 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
2059 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 18:

0215 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.

0507 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0730 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0853 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0915 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1400 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1423 – family trouble, Alaska St.
1432 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1732 – suspicious person, Redwood St.
2008 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
Also on this week's log are 127 patrol checks, 61 traffic stops, and five misc. details.

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."

– John Lennon

Obituaries

DANIEL RAY SEWARD

(August 12, 1957 - December 19, 2021)

Age 64, of Hazel Park. Survived by wife Susan, daughter Tara, son Chad, stepson Jason, stepdaughter Stephanie, 5 grandchildren. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

www.davidcbrownfh.com

KEN THORNELL

December 20, 2021

Word of Mr. Thornell's death came too late for arrangements to be completed and to be printed in this week's paper. Call David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, for arrangements. (734) 697-4500

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 rises to 80, positive tests at 5,716

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code climbed to 80 as of Monday, Dec. 20, according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department. It has been at 79 since Nov. 4.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 5,716 on Monday, Dec. 20, up from 5,503 on Monday, Dec. 13.

On Monday, Dec. 20, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 3,868 positive cases, 44 deaths; City of Belleville, 661 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,187 positive cases, 15 deaths.

The Van Buren Public School District reports as of Thursday, Dec. 16, there was a total of 282 positive cases in the district since the beginning of school on Aug. 30. There were 33 new positives Dec. 13-16.



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VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **11:00 a.m. on January 12, 2022**, for the 2022 Stadium and Tennis Athletic Renovation Project at Belleville High School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via a virtual meeting at 11:15 a.m. following the deadline for submission. The information for the virtual bid opening can be found in the bid documents. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Belleville High School football stadium entrance on **January 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must be included. A sworn and notarized criminal background check affidavit must be included. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be obtained directly from Foresite Design. Please email Christy O'Berry at christy@foresitedesign.com for access. Bid documents may also be obtained from local plan rooms (GRBX, CAM, etc.)

Documents will be available for viewing on **December 20, 2021**. Any questions, contact Mike Sims, Foresite Design, at mike@foresitedesign.com.

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